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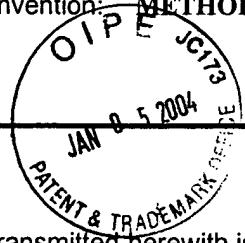
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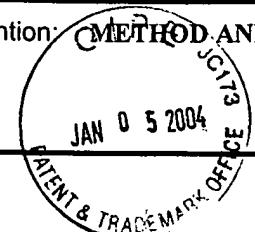
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Greetings:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003, please amend claims 14 and 26 as indicated below to correct clerical errors and thereby place the case in better condition for appeal:

**In the Claims:**

Amend claims 14 and 26 as indicated below:

1.(previously amended)      A method for reducing contamination inside a plastic container,